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PREPARATIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT ON THE BASIS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 44/228 AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OTHER RELEVANT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS: ACTIVITIES OF THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT

Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference

Addendum

I. VOLUNTARY FUND FOR SUPPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT AND ITS PREPARATORY PROCESS

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Preparatory Committee with an updated status report on the financial situation under the Voluntary Fund and the Trust Fund for Preparatory Activities for the Conference in light of the final accounts of the United Nations for the biennium 1990-1991 and new contributions that have been received since the preparation of document A/CONF.151/PC/97.

2. As at mid-February 1992 the financial situation of the Voluntary Fund may be summarized as follows:

	United States dollars
Amount contributed/pledged	1 609 800
Total used at first, second and third sessions of the Preparatory Committee	712 000
Balance available as of mid-February	897 800
Amount required for the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee	700 000
Balance	197 800
Amount required for the Conference	500 000
Shortfall	(302 200)

3. The above table indicates that the Voluntary Fund, after funding the participation of developing countries at the present session of the Preparatory Committee would have a balance of $197,800. However, as the cost of financing the participation of developing countries at the Conference is presently estimated at $500,000, this results in a projected shortfall of $302,200, which would need to be made up through additional contributions to the Voluntary Fund. Should this funding not be available, it is proposed that the needs of the least developed countries be funded in priority and subsequently those of the developing countries on a first-come first-served basis until exhaustion of the remaining funds.

II. TRUST FUND FOR PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONFERENCE

4. The other fund from which resources have been made available to enable the Conference secretariat to carry out a number of activities in support of the preparatory process is the Trust Fund for Preparatory Activities. Its financial status as at mid-February may be summarized as follows:

	United States dollars
Amount contributed/pledged	10 857 000
Total utilized in 1990-1991	6 541 000
Balance as at mid-February 1992	4 316 000
Amount required until 31 July 1992	4 910 000
Shortfall	(594 000)

5. The amount of $4,316,000 presently available will be sufficient to continue the activities of the secretariat which are funded from the Trust Fund until end May 1992 only. However, it appears more desirable that these activities be allowed to continue until July 1992. This would correspond to the period provided for by the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session for the secretariat to complete its substantive activities. The cost of the extension of that part of the secretariat funded from extrabudgetary resources until 31 July 1992 is estimated at $594,000 for which additional contributions to the Trust Fund would be required.

6. It should also be noted that the General Assembly provided funding for the retention of a small core of staff until 31 December 1992 in order to carry out follow-up activities in the post-Conference period. The recognition by the General Assembly of the need for post-Conference activities, at a reduced level, should also be extended to the activities funded from the Trust Fund. Should this be recommended by the Preparatory Committee, the terms of reference of the Trust Fund would need to be amended accordingly. That would give rise to the need of additional contributions of $493,000.

7. The Voluntary Fund and the Trust Fund for Preparatory Activities would thus be in need of additional contributions in the amounts of $302,000 and $1,087,000 respectively.

8. An updated table of contributions and pledges is attached.

Status of the Voluntary and Trust Funds as at mid-February 1992

Donor	Voluntary Fund		Trust Fund for Preparatory Activities	
	Pledge	Contribution	Pledge	Contribution
	(US dollars)		(US dollars)	
Member States				
Austria	-	50 000	-	148 000
Canada	-	150 000	531 300	493 700
Cyprus	-	500	-	-
Denmark	-	100 000	-	25 000
Finland	-	200 000	-	482 000
France	-	34 700	-	-
Germany	-	100 000	-	-
Greece	-	-	-	12 000
Italy	-	-	-	235 600
Japan	-	100 000	300 000	1 090 100
Myanmar	-	500	-	-
Netherlands	-	100 000	-	1 428 000
Norway	-	300 000	-	955 000
Singapore	-	50 000	-	-
Sweden	-	200 000	-	3 000 000
Switzerland	-	49 100	54 000	-
United Kingdom	-	55 000	98 100	242 500
Others				
Business Council for Sustainable Development	-	-	-	20 500
European Community	20 000	100 000	-	-
ECOFUND-92	-	-	161 400	434 500
Ito Yokado	-	-	-	200 000
UNDP	-	-	210 000	90 000
UNFPA	-	-	-	213 200
UNIFEM	-	-	168 400	249 600
UNICEF	-	-	-	14 000
Total	20 000	1 589 800	1 523 200	9 333 700